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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

SUBJ: SYG REPORT OF EGYPTIAN ATTITUDES

1. SYG WALDHEIM TELEPHONED THIS MORNING WITH FOLLOW-UP
INFORMATION RELATING TO YOUR CONVERSATION YESTERDAY.

2. WALDHEIM RECALLED YOU HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SYRIAN
ATTITUDES ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SITUATION AND OVER WHETHER
SYRIANS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN PEACE CONF. HE ALSO RECALLED
YOUR CONCERN OVER DIRECTION ALGIERS CONF MIGHT TAKE.

3. IN THAT CONNECTION, EGYPTIAN PERMREP MEGUID HAD COME TO
SEE WALDHEIM MORNING NOV 24 (AT MEGUID'S REQUEST) FOR ONE OF
THEIR REGULAR CONVERSATIONS ON DEVELOPMENTS AT KM 101.
WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD TAKEN OCCASION TO RAISE WITH MEGUID CONCERN
OVER SYRIAN ATTITUDES, UNCERTAINTY ABOUT SYRIAN PARTICIPATION
IN PEACE CONF, AND POSSIBLE NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS AT ALGIERS
MTG.

4. WALDHEIM WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW OF MEGUID'S RESPONSES.
MEGUID HAD TAKEN VERY RPT VERY CONFIDENT AND OUTSPOKEN POSITION
WITH RESPECT TO ALGIERS MEETING. HE TOLD WALDHEIM HE COULD BE
ASSURED THAT EGYPTIANS HAD PREPARED MOST CAREFULLY FOR ALGIERS
CONFERENCE. THEY HAVE HELD PREPARATORY TALKS WITH EVERY
PARTICIPATING GOVT AND SYG COULD BE SURE ALL "WOULD TURN OUT
RIGHT." MEGUID NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT TWO MOST RADICAL
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STATES (IRAQ AND LYBIA) WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING. MEGUID
INSISTED THAT ALGERIAN PRESIDENT WAS "ON SIDE OF SADAT"
AND THAT THINGS AT ALGIERS WOULD BE DECIDED IN LINE WITH EGYPT-
IAN WISHES.

5. WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD ASKED REPEATEDLY ABOUT SYRIAN PARTICIPATION IN PEACE CONFERENCE. HERE MEGUID STRESSED THAT SADAT AND ASAD ARE GOOD FRIENDS. SYRIAN FONMIN HAD BEEN IN CAIRO FOR TALKS NOV 23. ALTHOUGH MEGUID ADMITTED THERE NO FINAL ANSWER YET, HE EXPECTS AND HAS FIRM IMPRESSION SYRIAN WILL TAKE PART. COMMENT: WE HOPE THAT ON THIS OCCASION MEGUID IS ACCURATELY INFORMED. WE HAVE OFTEN FOUND HIM TO BE AN UNCERTAIN VESSEL.

6. IN SAYING HE HOPED THIS REPORT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO YOU IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER INFORMATION REACHING YOU, WALDHEIM EMPHASIZED HOW GOOD AND USEFUL YESTERDAY'S WASHINGTON CONVERSATION HAD BEEN FOR HIM AND HOW HAPPY HE WAS TO HAVE BEEN THERE.

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